

Reasons for allowance

1. Claims 9-17, 19-25 and 28-37 are allowed and renumbered as claims 1-26.
2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The prior art of record does not teach or suggest the recited heat-shrinkable polyolefin series laminated film further including a surface layer (I) comprising a mixed resin of a cyclic olefin series resin and a polyethylene series resin (A) in a mass ratio of 90/10 to 50/50; an intermediate layer (II) comprising a polyethylene series resin (B) whose crystal melting peak temperature (T_m) is no greater than 125°C, as measured with a differential scanning calorimeter (DSC); and intermediate layer (III) comprising a cyclic olefin series resin, wherein the film comprises a layer arrangement of (I) layer/(II) layer/(III) layer/(II) layer/(I) layer or (I) layer/(III) layer/(II) layer/(III) layer/(I) layer.

The prior art does not teach motivation or suggestion for modification to make the invention as instantly claimed.

Any comments considered by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Lawrence Ferguson whose telephone number is 571-272-1522. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday 9:00 AM – 5:30PM.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Sample, can be reached on 571-272-1376. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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